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GUADALUPE COUNTY AT FULL EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER

Workforce Solutions Alamo releases December Labor Market Information

(January 23, 2015) San Antonio, Texas – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Guadalupe County unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent in December, down from 4.0 percent reported in November. By economist standards, this puts the area at full employment.

Guadalupe County's unemployment rate registered lower than the overall jobless rate of 3.7 percent for the 12-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Gillespie County registered the lowest unemployment rate in December amongst the counties at 2.5 percent while Bexar and Medina County registered the highest rates at 3.8 percent, still considered full employment.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo 12-county area to the state and nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in December, down from 4.6 percent in November. The nation's unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in December, down from 5.5 percent reported in November. Comparatively, the state and nation release seasonally adjusted unemployment rates with Texas decreasing to 4.6 percent in December and the nation's unemployment rate decreasing to 5.6 percent.

The mission of Workforce Solutions Alamo is to build a premier workforce in America by providing employers and residents with the opportunities, resources and services to develop and gain a competitive edge in the global economy. Workforce Solutions Alamo reaches over 40,000 businesses and more than 2.0 million residents in the City of San Antonio and the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Gillespie, Karnes, Kerr, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties. For more information on available workforce programs and services, visit our website at www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org.

Note: Only the actual/unadjusted series unemployment rate estimates for Texas and the US are comparable to sub-state unemployment rates, taking into account seasonal changes. Adjusted rates are calculated by smoothing out the changes in unemployment due to the typical seasonal hiring's and layoffs.

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